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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCCLOSKEY FROM SHOESMITH

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: OREP (WOLFE, LESTER)

SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF

REF: A. TOKYO 10813; B. SEOUL 6078

1. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL, WE FOUND THAT CODEL WAS EXTREMELY DISATTISFIED WITH THE SCHEDULE WE HAD ARRANGED, (REF A), ESPECIALLY WITH THE LEVEL OF APPOINTMENTS PROGRAMED. WOLFF FELT THAT LEVEL OF APPOINTMENTS DID NOT DO JUSTICE TO IMPORTANCE OF HIS COMMITTEE. IN RESPONSE TO WOLFF'S REQUESTS EMBASSY RESTRUCTURED PROGRAM, ADDED APPOINTMENTS WITH DEP PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA AND KOMEITO SEC GEN YANO AND REQUESTED AGAIN MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER. (WE HAD EARLIER SOUGHT AN APPOINTMENT WITH PM MIKI BUT WERE TURNED DOWN BECAUSE PRIME MINISTER, JUST RETURNED FROM US, HAD FULL SCHEDULE.) PRIME MINISTER RECEIVED CODEL FOR HALF HOUR AUG 13. UPON CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, THE CODEL, NOTABLY CONGRESSMAN WOLFF HIMSELF, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE VISIT AS MODIFIED AND GRATITUDE FOR THE TROUBLE TAKEN BY THE EMBASSY TO MAKE CHANGES. IN GENERAL, MEETINGS BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN AND JAPANESE CONTACTS PROVED STIMULATING. MAIN SUBSTANTIVE POINTS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTELS.

2. COMMENT: SCHEDULE TO WHICH WOLFF TOOK EXCEPTION WAS
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CABLED TO CODEL AUGUST 5 (REF A), MORE THAN A WEEK BEFORE

THEIR ARRIVAL IN TOKYO. ORIGINAL TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (TOKYO 10233)
FROM WHICH WE MADE ONLY MINOR CHANGES, WAS SENT OVER WEEK
EARLIER. FIRST INDICATION OF DISSATISFACTION WAS CABLE
FROM CODEL (SEOUL 6078) WHICH ARRIVED AUGUST 12, A FEW
HOURS BEFORE CODEL ITSELF, WHICH ASKED ONLY FOR DELETIONS
AND CONSOLIDATIONS TO PERMIT MORE FREE TIME. PROBLEM WITH
CODEL COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH EASIER TO MANAGE HAD CODEL
FOCUSSED ON SCHEDULE EARLIER. RECOMMEND THAT EFFORT BE
MADE TO WARN CODEL STAFFS AND ESCORTS OF IMPORTANCE OF
BRIEFING PRINCIPLES IN ADVANCE OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS
IN SCHEDULES.
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